

## GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

January 22, 2007

The Honorable Mike Johanns
Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
14<sup>th</sup> Street & Independence, Southwest
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Mr. Secretary,

This is to request that you designate San Bernardino County in the State of California, a disaster area due to extreme low temperatures and freezing conditions that began January 13, 2007. Though additional time is needed to realize the full effect of the freezing temperatures, current estimates are reflecting more than a 30 percent loss of naval orange, Valencia orange, grapefruit and avocado crops – this is likely to increase as more information is available.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) requested that the county agricultural commissioner submit a *California County Agricultural Commissioner Disaster Report*, which is enclosed for your review. Preliminary damage/loss estimates exceed \$11 million. This damage will be devastating to affected producers, farm-related businesses and the general economy of the county. If you have any questions or need additional information, your staff may contact OES Director Henry Renteria at (916) 845-8510.

Thank you for your favorable and immediate consideration of this request on behalf of California's farmers and ranchers in dire need of USDA disaster assistance.

Since ely,

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Enclosure

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PUBLIC AND SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP

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January 18, 2007

Henry R. Renteria, Director Governor's Office of Emergency Services P.O. Box 419047 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9047

Dear Mr. Renteria:

The growers in San Bernardino County experienced a major disaster to their crops from extreme low temperatures beginning on the morning of Saturday, January 13, and continuing through Monday, January 15. 2007

I am writing to seek your assistance to request a Federal Disaster Designation for San Bernardino County due to these extreme low temperatures that caused significant damage to citrus, avocado and other crops.

The navel orange, Valencia orange, grapefruit and avocado crops all suffered more than a 30% loss. The growers of these crops will need assistance in recovering from this disaster. Other growers and ranchers have experienced losses but have some ability to recover on their own.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate t contact me at 909 387-2115. I look forward to working with you and your staff in an effort to help growers in San Bernardino County.

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cc. Norman Kanold, ACA, PSSG Keith Lee, AAO, PSSG Denise Benson, Division Manager, SBC OES

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## CHITHDAL COMMISSIONED DISASTED DEPORT

*	CALIFORNIA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER DISASTER REPORT								
1. County: SAN BERNARDINO		2. Date of Disaster: January 12 – 16, 2007		Type and Brief Description of Disaster:  Weather - freezing weather conditions					
									4. Crops Damaged:  (Ust crops in order of Importance, including hoy & pasture.)
hursery Stock. Ground Cover	14643 flats/acre	\$6. 8/f!a1	71.5	71,3		12740 flats/ ocre	\$838,500		
hursery Stock Outdoor Container	5332 containers/ acre	\$5.61/ container	511	511		5000  container/  acre	\$951,700		
Valencia Oranges	12.48 tons/acre	\$378.91/ton	850	850		3.12 tons/acre	\$3.014,600		
Navel Oranges	9.72 tons/acre	\$429.90/ton	1625	1625		4.6 tons/acre	\$3,576,800		
Grapefruit	5.52 ions/acre	\$261/101	200	200		1.7 tan/acre	\$356,000		
Strawberries	23,46 tons/ac	\$827.62/ton	125	125		18.77 tons/acre	\$485,200		
Avacado	4.28 tons/acre	\$1.955.62/fon	210	210		2.14 tons/acre	\$878,900		
Guava, Bangkok				17.8 ac. Trees killed			\$900,000		
Alfalfa				340 acres killed (newly planted)			\$50.000		
Crops in BOLD exceed 30% loss									
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01/18/2007 18:00 9093873449 AGRIC&WEIGE . . PAGE 03/84 CALIFORNIA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER DISASTER REPORT 12. County's Total Crop Acres:

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Census data

41,485 irrigated

acres

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13	i. Total Farms in County: (Use most recent U.S. Farm Census number.)	Number 1386 per 2002 Census						
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14	. Farms with Production Losses of:	1000 per 2002 C						
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	20 to 29%					10		
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